Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A computerized system for managing favorite channels based on a user specified theme, the computerized system comprising:

means for selecting predefined keywords for the user specified theme;

one or more favorite channel lists, the favorite channel lists comprising one or more logical channels relating to the user specified theme, wherein the computerized system identifies the logical channels showing an event of the user specified theme and automatically adds each of the logical channels to the favorite channel list without user intervention;

means for identifying said one or more logical channels which relate to the user specified theme by detecting a match of the predefined keywords of said user specified theme, said identifying being based on programming constrained within a predetermined number of timeslots ahead of a current time; and

a favorites database for storing one or more favorite channel lists.

2. (Previously Presented) The computerized system of claim 1, further comprising an EPG content database storing a plurality of events available on one or more television channels for a period of time.

3. (Original) The computerized system claim 2, wherein the user specified theme corresponds to a theme field of the events in an electronic program guide (EPG) content database.

4. (Original) The computerized system of claim 3, further comprising an EPG data service for managing the EPG content database, the EPG data service providing functions for loading electronic program guide-type data from one or more data services.

5. (Original) The computerized system of claim 1, further comprising a favorites service providing one or more user interfaces and a plurality of management functions for each one of the favorite channel lists.

6. (Original) The computerized system of claim 5, wherein the management functions include at least one function selected from the group of functions consisting of: adding a favorite event to one of the favorite channel lists, removing a favorite event from one of the favorite channel lists, and selecting a favorite event from one of the favorite channel lists.

7. (Original) The computerized system of claim 1, further comprising a channel map service for determining a physical channel number and a corresponding physical device for each one of the logical channels.

8. (Previously Presented) A computerized system for managing favorite channels comprising:

means for selecting predefined keywords for the user specified theme;

one or more favorite channel lists, the favorite channel lists comprising one or more logical channels relating to a user specified theme, wherein the computerized system identifies the logical channels by detecting a match of the predefined keywords of said user specified theme;

a display screen configured to show the identified logical channels, said logical channels being added to the favorite channel list without user intervention;

application user interfaces to allow a user to access the computerized system;

channel map services for mapping a logical channel number in the favorite channel list to a physical channel number on a physical device available to the computerized system;

favorites services providing user interfaces and management functions for each one of the favorite channel lists; and

electronic program guide content services for determining what is programmed on the logical channel and for calling channel map services to determine the corresponding physical channel and physical device.

9. (Original) The computerized system of claim 8, further comprising a channel map database for storing an association between each one of the logical channels and a physical channel and a corresponding physical device.

10. (Original) The computerized system of claim 8, wherein the management functions of the favorites service include at least one function selected from the group of functions consisting of: adding one of the logical channels to one of the favorite channel lists, removing one of the logical channels from one of the favorite channel lists, and selecting one of the logical channels from one of the favorite channel lists.

11. (Original) The computerized system of claim 8, further comprising a favorites database for storing one or more favorite channel lists.

12. (Previously Presented) The computerized system of claim 8, further comprising an electronic program guide content database for storing events available on the one or more television channels for a period of time.

13-18. (Canceled).

19. (Previously Presented) A method of using a computerized system to dynamically manage favorite channel lists relating to a user specified theme, the method comprising the steps of:

selecting predefined keywords for the user specified theme;

identifying one or more television channels showing an event of a user specified theme, wherein the step of identifying is achieved by matching one or more event themes from an electronic program guide (EPG) content database to the user-specified theme, and

automatically adding each one of the channels to a favorite channel list, wherein the favorite channel list comprises a plurality of logical channels and said adding does not require user intervention;

wherein the logical channels identified during the step of identifying are updated according to a predetermined update frequency and are based on programming constrained within a predetermined number of timeslots ahead of a current time.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the step of identifying is achieved by matching one or more event sub-themes from an EPG content database to the user-specified theme.

21. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the step of identifying is achieved by matching one or more generic event sub-themes from an EPG content database to the user-specified theme.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the logical channels identified during the step of identifying depend on said update frequency which is included in the EPG content database and said number of time slots included in the favorite channels list.

23. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the step of identifying is achieved by matching one or more words in a event description from the EPG content database to the user-specified theme.

24. (Previously Presented) A computer comprising:

a processor;

a computer-readable medium; and

a plurality of computer instructions executed from the computer readable medium by the processor for performing the steps of:

receiving user inputs to select predefined keywords for a user specified theme;

identifying one or more logical channels showing a television event of the user specified theme by detecting a match of the predefined keywords; and

automatically adding, without user intervention, each one of the channels in a favorite channel list comprising one or more logical channels.

25. (Previously Presented) A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions stored thereon for execution on a computer, the computer executable instructions comprising the steps of:

receiving user inputs to select predefined keywords for a user specified theme;

identifying one or more logical channels showing a television event of the user specified theme, wherein the step of identifying is achieved by matching one or more event themes from an electronic program guide (EPG) content database to the user-specified theme; and

automatically adding each one of the channels in a favorite channel list comprising one or more logical channels, wherein such adding does not require user intervention.

26. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the step of identifying is achieved by matching one or more event sub-themes from an EPG content database to the user-specified theme.

27. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the step of identifying is achieved by matching one or more generic event sub-themes from an EPG content database to the user-specified theme.

28. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the channels identified during the step of identifying depend on an update frequency of the EPG content database and a number of time slots included in the favorite channels list.

29. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein the step of identifying is achieved by matching one or more words in a event description from the EPG content database to the user-specified theme.

30-33. (Canceled).

34. (Previously Presented) The computerized system of claim 1, wherein said logical channels are updated at least once per timeslot.

35. (Previously Presented) The computerized system of claim 34, wherein said timeslot is one-half hour in length.

36. (Previously Presented) The computerized system of claim 35, wherein said predetermined number of timeslots is at least several hours in duration.

37. (Previously Presented) The computerized system of claim 35, wherein said means for identifying comprises a set of predefined keywords that may be selected for use in defining the user specified theme.

38. (Previously Presented) The computerized system of claim 35, further comprising:

means for updating said one or more favorite channel lists to include only those of said one or more logical channels that relate to the user specified theme selected from the programming constrained within said predetermined number of timeslots ahead of the current time.

39. (Previously Presented) The computerized system of claim 1, wherein said predefined keywords are direct broadcast satellite (DBS) content descriptors.

40. (Previously Presented) The computerized system of claim 1, wherein said one or more logical channels are identified to relate to the user specified theme by the match of the predefined keywords independent of a number of times the one or more logical channels have been viewed.

41. (Previously Presented) The computerized system of claim 8, wherein said predefined keywords are direct broadcast satellite (DBS) content descriptors.

42. (Previously Presented) The computerized system of claim 8, wherein said one or more logical channels are identified to relate to the user specified theme by the match of the predefined keywords independent of a number of times the one or more logical channels have been viewed.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said predefined keywords are direct broadcast satellite (DBS) content descriptors.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said one or more logical channels are identified to relate to the user specified theme by the match of the predefined keywords independent of a number of times the one or more logical channels have been viewed.

45. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 24, wherein said predefined keywords are direct broadcast satellite (DBS) content descriptors.

46. (Previously Presented) The computer of claim 24, wherein said one or more logical channels are identified to relate to the user specified theme by the match of the predefined keywords independent of a number of times the one or more logical channels have been viewed.

47. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein said predefined keywords are direct broadcast satellite (DBS) content descriptors.

48. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein said one or more logical channels are identified to relate to the user specified theme by the match of the predefined keywords independent of a number of times the one or more logical channels have been viewed.

49. (New) The computerized system of claim 8, wherein said logical channels are updated at least once per timeslot.

50. (New) The computer of claim 24, wherein said logical channels are updated at least once per timeslot.

51. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein said logical channels are updated at least once per timeslot.